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SUBJECT: CARLOS TARABILLO EXIMBANK/FCIA POLICY MTE

REF: STATE 150615; STATE A-4168 OF JUNE 17, 1975

1. ECONOFF DISCUSSED CASE WITH CARLOS TABORGA, GENERAL MANAGER BANCO AGRICOLA, ON JULY 3 FOLLOWING TABORGA'S ABSENCE FROM LA PAZ FOR SEVERAL DAYS. TABORGA TOLD ECONOFF ON TELEPHONE BEFORE MEETING THAT NOTE FROM LUMMUS (PRESUMABLY WRITTEN BY RENE ZALLES) WAS UNSATISFACTORY, NOT APPROPRIATE FOR SENDING TO GOB BANK AND THAT TABORGA HAD SENT IT BACK. NEVERTHELESS, TABORGA TOLD ECONOFF NOT TO WORRY ABOUT CASE.

2. AT MEETING TABORGA STATED COTTON GIN IS STILL AT LA SENDA IN TARABILLO'S POSSESSION EVEN THOUGH HE HAS SOLD GIN TO GARABATO, LTDA. (HERNAN LANDIVAR). TABORGA STATED BANCO AGRICOLA HAS NOT RECEIVED PROCEEDS O SALE TO GARABATO. HE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT BANCO AGRICOLA DOES NOT HOLD TITLE OR POSSESSION OF GIN THOUGH HE DID INDICATE THAT BARABATO LTDA. IS ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY IN DEBT TO BANCO AGRICOLA AND THAT IT WOULD PROCEED AGAINST GARABATO TO COLLECT DEBT OR TAKE POSSESSION OF PROPERTY INCLUDING GIN TO SATISFY GARABATO DEBT TO BANCO AGRICOLA. FINALLY, TABORGA STATED THAT IF DOCUMENTS COULD BE SHOWN TO HIM, PROVING THAT TARBILLO HAD RECOGNIZED DEBT TO LUMMUS AND GIVEN LUMMUS LIENS ON ALL TARBILLO PROPERTY INCLUDING COTTON GIN, TABORGA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD ANNUL SALE OF GIN TO GARABATO. HE NOTED THAT GARABATO

IS SEEKING RIGHT TO REMOVE GIN FROM LA SENDA AT THIS TIME. IN HIS OPINION LUMMUS/FCIA/EXIMBANK RECOURSE IS AGAINST TARBILLO AT THIS TIME. HE RECOGNIZED LUMMUS' PRIOR CLAIM ON GIN.

3. POSER OF ATTORNEY SENT UNDER STATE A-4168 HAS BEEN HANDED TO DR. BARRIGA'S SECRETARY BY CONSULAR AGENT MC KINNEY.

4. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF TABORGA'S STATEMENTS OF FACT ECONOFF DID NOT ASK TABORGA TO AGREE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR LAST TWO INSTALLMENTS OF TARABILLO DEBT TO LUMMUS AND DID NOT CONVEY FCIA/EXIMBANK INTENTIONS IN CASE BANCO AGRICOLA REFUSED ACCEPT THAT RESPONSIBILITY. ECONOFF HAS NOT YET CONSULTED WITH RENE ZALLES. APPEARS TO US, HOWEVER, THAT TABORGA IS POSSIBLE ALLY AND THAT DOCUMENTS PROVING LUMMUS HAS LIEN ON GIN AND OTHER PROPERTY SHOULD BE SHOWN TO TABORGA ASAP.

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